# Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee Agenda "Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"

Jefferson County Courthouse 311 S Center Ave, Rm 202 Jefferson, WI 53549-1701

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 @ 8:30 am

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Committee Members: Matt Foelker (Chair), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chair), Mike Kelly (Secretary), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), John Kannard (UWEX Member), Kirsten Jurcek (FSA Rep), and Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep)

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
- 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
- 4. Review of the October Agenda
- 5. Approval of the September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 6. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
- 7. Communications
  - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) October 2021 Report
- 8. Discussion and Possible Action on 2021 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program Crop Price Approval
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program Budget Approval
- 10. Discussion on Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
- 11. Discussion on Departmental Updates
- 12. Introduction of the New Jefferson County Resource Conservationist Joshua Butteris
- 13. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders & Rock River Regenerative Grazers
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance FPP
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation
- 17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (August)
- 18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
  - Next Scheduled Meeting November 17, 2021 @ 8:30 am in Room 205
- 19. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

# Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes September 22, 2021

#### 1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:30 am. Committee members Matt Foelker (Chairperson), Walt Christensen (Vice-Chairperson), Mike Kelly (Secretary) (@8:39), Dan Herbst (UWEX Member), John Kannard (UWEX Member), Kirsten Jurcek (FSA Rep) (@8:33), and Margaret Burlingham (PACE Rep) were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Gerry Kokkonen, LWCD; and Marisa Ulman, LWCD.

• Others in Attendance: Frankie Fuller (via Zoom), Anita Martin, Dean Weichmann

# 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

# 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

# 4. Review of the September Agenda:

The September agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

# 5. Approval of the August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Herbst made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes as written, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

#### 6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

## 7. Communications:

Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection September 2021 Report.

#### 8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Cicero discussed the NRCS report submitted by NRCS District Conservationist, David Gundlach.

# 9. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

LWCD staff attended the department's 2022 Budget Hearing, a new Resource Conservationist will be joining LWCD on 9/27/2021, and the Department of Natural Resources hired a new lake biologist for this region.

- 10. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders and Rock River Regenerative Grazers: Jurczek reported the Rock River Regenerative Grazers will be submitting a Producer-Led Watershed Protection grant application to DACTP. Weichmann reported the Jefferson County Soil Builders will be submitting a Producer-Led Watershed Protection grant application to DACTP. Jurczek and Weichmann will be liaisons for each group and work together to accomplish project goals.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on the Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Serving as Fiscal Agent and Collaborator for Producer-Led Groups: Jurcek informed the Committee that Glacierland RC&D is going to be the fiscal agent for Rock River Regenerative Grazers.

Jurcek made a motion to have LWCD serve as fiscal agent and collaborator for Jefferson County Soil Builders producer-led group and collaborator for Rock River Regenerative Grazers producer-led group, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

- **12.** Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing the Application and Implementation of a WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Healthy Lakes Grant: Ulman outlined the Healthy Lakes Grant. Kannard made a motion to send the resolution for the Healthy Lakes Grant to the County Board, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing the Application and Implementation of a WI DNR Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Grant: Cicero outlined the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Grant. Christensen made a motion to send the resolution for the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Grant to the County Board, Kelly seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
- 14. Discussion on Invasive Plant Management Assistance to the Highway Department: Ulman discussed collaborative efforts between LWCD and the Highway Department on invasive plant management. Ulman will be working with the WI Department of Transportation to develop an educational workshop for local highway and parks departments. Ulman has been asked to give a presentation on partnering with highway departments to manage invasive plants at the fall statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Partnership Program meeting.
- **15.** Discussion and Possible Action on Transfer of Nutrient Management Cost Share Funds to Forest County: Burlingham made a motion to transfer the remaining unused nutrient management cost share funds to Forest County, Herbst seconded. Motion passed 7/0.
- **16.** Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): There were no notices.
- 17. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance FPP: There were no cancellations.
- 18. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE)

  Applications & Baseline Documentation: Kokkonen discussed the Hausz application. The property appraisal came back lower than Hausz anticipated and the application has been put on hold.
- 19. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (July):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: A Memorandum of Understanding with Jefferson County Soil Builders, an introduction of the new LWCD staff member

• Next Scheduled Meeting: October 20, 2021 @ 8:30 in Room 202

#### 21. Adjournment:

Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 am, Kannard seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

Kim Liakopoulos Administrative Specialist I ~ LWCD



#### DATCP REPORT

#### **Bureau of Land and Water Resources**

#### October 2021

## Soil and Water Resources Management Grants

- The 2022 Joint Final Allocation Plan is scheduled to be presented at the October Land and Water Conservation Board meeting.
- Transfer requests are due to DATCP by December 1, 2021
- SWRM Fact of the Month: All counties may use up to 50% of their SEG allocation for cropping practices such as cover crops and residue management.

# ATCP 50: Soil and Water Resource Management Program

• We anticipate requesting approval of a scope statement for changes to ATCP 50 in October. Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information and to sign up to receive future email updates.

# **Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans**

- The October 5, 2021 meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will be conducted over
  Microsoft Teams. Kenosha and Trempealeau Counties will be presenting five year reviews of their LWRM plans.
  To join the meeting remotely <u>click this link</u> or follow the instructions in the October meeting agenda which is
  available at <u>lwcb.wi.gov</u>.
- For updates on LWCB meetings and meeting links please subscribe to LWCB <u>govdelivery notices</u>. Please contact <u>zach.zopp@wisconsin.gov</u> for questions regarding joining via Microsoft Teams.
- Counties that are working through the LWRM plan revision process during COVID-19 restrictions may have
  questions and concerns about the requirements that need to be met for plan approval. Contact
  <u>Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov</u> to discuss possible options to completing your plan revisions.

#### Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas

• The Farmland Preservation Program is encouraging landowners who are interested in applying for a farmland preservation agreement to apply as soon as possible in order to claim the farmland preservation tax credit for 2021 under the agreement. For the agreement application and additional information about farmland preservation agreements, visit the <a href="mailto:Apply for a Farmland Preservation Agreement">Agreement</a> webpage. Interested applicants can contact us at (608) 224-4611 or <a href="wednesday.jordan@wisconsin.gov">wednesday.jordan@wisconsin.gov</a> with any questions.

#### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- State Agreement Submittal Deadline 11/5/2021 for Payments in 2021: Friday, November 5th, 2021 is the deadline for submitting completed CREP agreements (LWR-283) to DATCP to ensure they make it through processing for State payments before the end of the calendar year. Agreements submitted to DATCP after that date may be processed and paid after January 1, 2022. If a landowner wants to claim their State CREP payment on 2021 taxes it will need to be paid prior to December 31, 2021.
- Thanks to all the counties that worked on easement monitoring with the CREP intern this summer as well as on your own. DATCP will be working with those offices on a follow up letter to all landowners who had a site visit this summer.

# **Conservation Engineering**

- The following four stream standards were recently revised through the Standards Oversight Council (SOC) Full Process are now posted and available on the <a href="NRCS WI FOTG website">NRCS WI FOTG website</a>:
  - o 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
  - o 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection

- o 582 Open Channel
- o 584 Channel Bed Stabilization

An explanation of changes can be found here.

• REMINDER: This December 31, 2021 marks the end of another 3-year cycle for obtaining the required 30 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for those that are part of the DATCP Engineering Practitioner Certification and/or NRCS Job Approval Authority programs. A joint memo from DATCP and NRCS regarding this was recently circulated. Please contact your DATCP area engineering contact with questions.

## Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) Program

- The AIS program is currently drafting an AIS for a proposed electric substation by the Wisconsin Power and Light Company in Columbia County, WI. The AIS program is actively reaching out to affected agricultural landowners and consulting with impacted units of government regarding the project.
- Contact <u>zach.zopp@wisconsin.gov</u> for questions regarding any active AIS statement or the AIS program.

## **Wisconsin Farm Center**

• The <u>Wisconsin Farm Center</u> has a couple of new informational pieces available that are attached to this report. One includes information about the Herd-Based Diagnostic program and one lists other services and contact information. Please share these with anyone who could use some support from the Farm Center.



# WISCONSIN Earm Center

With decades of agriculture experience, Wisconsin Farm
Center staff are available to answer questions and connect
farmers to resources through the Farm Center's toll-free
number and email address. The team also offers an array of
other services including:

- Financial Consulting
- Transition Planning
- Conflict Mediation
- Veteran Farmer Assistance
- Veterinary Analysis
- Mental Health Resources

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# **About the Program:**

- \* Available at no-cost to approved participants.
- \* Administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- \* Makes investigative farm visits.
- \* Works collaboratively with farm's local consulting team.
- \* Coordinates diagnostic or laboratory testing.
- \* Delivers final report of findings and recommendations.

# Troubleshoots concerns such as:

- \* Milk production
- \* Milk quality
- Diagnosing and managing disease
- \* Investigating unexplained illness or death
- \* Lameness
- \* Water intake
- \* Other herd health issues





Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Division of Agricultural Development Herd-Based Diagnostics Program PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708-8911 datcp.wi.gov



# WISCONSIN Farm Center Herd-Based Diagnostics Program



Have herd health concerns? We can help!

The Wisconsin Farm Center's Herd-Based Diagnostics Program provides veterinary consulting and diagnostic testing services to Wisconsin dairy farmers.

> Wisconsin Farm Center Phone: 800-942-2474 Email: farmcenter@wi.gov

How it works:

Farmer requests application by contacting Wisconsin Farm Center

Farmer returns completed application



Initial consultation with veterinarian



Farm visit(s) to collect data and take necessary samples

Analyze farm data and lab testing results

Delivery of final report



# **Contact Us:**

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Wisconsin Farm Center

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